

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 23, 2004, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-14) with traverse.

Applicants traverse the instant restriction requirement between Groups I and II because the combination requires the particulars of the subcombination for patentability. Apparently assuming that the organometallic compositions of Group I *cure polyisocyanates*, the Examiner found that “the catalyst of the group I would lose its identity when it *cures the polymer* of group II.”¹ Although the polyisocyanates of Group II may be polymeric in nature,² a polyisocyanate is simply a compound with more than one isocyanate group. The organometallic compositions of Group I are used to cure the reaction between a polyisocyanate composition *and an OH-group containing compound (e.g., a polyol or wood)*. Accordingly, the claims of Group II encompass a mixture of polyisocyanate(s) and the organometallic composition of Group I, which can itself be used to make a polymer, such as a *polyurethane*.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants also respectfully submit herewith a Request for Change of Address.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

¹ Official Action mailed March 23, 2004, page 3 (*emphasis added*).

² But are often not, *see* pages 4-5 of the instant Application.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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